

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
3:18-cv-00615-FDW**

STEVEN FAISON EL,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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vs.)	<u>ORDER</u>
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KENNETH BEAVER, et al.,)	
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Respondents.)	
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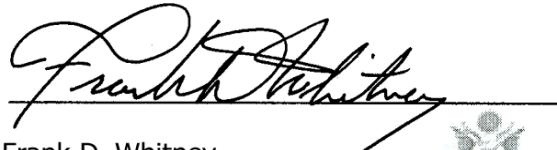
Steven Faison El, a prisoner of the State of North Carolina, has filed a pro se petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 in this Court (Doc. No. 1), together with an application to proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. No. 2).

Faison El challenges his criminal judgment imposed in the Guilford County Superior Court. (§ 2254 Pet. 1, Doc. No. 1.) Guilford County is within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina. See 28 U.S.C. § 113(b). Thus, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d), and in accordance with a joint order of the United States District Courts for the Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina (Joint Order, In re: Applications for Writs of Habeas Corpus (Oct. 26, 1966)), the Court shall transfer this action to the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, where venue is proper.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall transfer this habeas action to the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina for all further proceedings. The Clerk is further directed to provide a copy of this Order to Faison El and, thereafter, to close this case.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: November 16, 2018



Frank D. Whitney
Chief United States District Judge

